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TO: HEADQUARTERS INFO MOSCOW (EYES ONLY COSTILLE).

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ACTION

REF: LENINGRAD 12545

1. DURING SMOL'SKIY'S VISIT TO TEMPSFORD'S APARTMENT REPORTED REF, HE TOLD MRS. TEMPSFORD THAT AMERICAN FROM "CULTURED BOSTON FAMILY" WHO DEFECTED TO SOVIET UNION 10 OR 12 YEARS AGO AND LIVING WITH SOVIET WIFE IN LENINGRAD, NOW DESIRES LEAVE USSR AND HAS APPARENTLY MADE FEELERS RE EMIGRATING TO CANADA (NOT CLEAR WHETHER VIA OFFICIAL CANADIAN CHANNELS). PER SMOL'SKIY, BEFORE DEFECTING AMERICAN WORKED ON "BROADCASTING CODES". AMERICAN REPORTEDLY BEING DISCOURAGED BY FRIENDS (PRESUMABLY SOVIET) RE EMIGRATING TO CANADA FOR FEAR HE WILL BE ARRESTED BY "AMERICAN SECRET POLICE".

2. INDIVIDUAL CITED ABOVE UNDOUBTEDLY VERNON MITCHELL, WHO FORMER NSA DEFECTOR MARRIED TO GALINA YAKOVLEVA, WELL-KNOWN LOCAL MUSICIAN (PIANIST OR SINGER). PER CARDED INFO BASED SX-24455, JANUARY 1975, MITCHELL REPORTEDLY RESIDENT IN LENINGRAD. SINCE MRS. TEMPSFORD UNFAMILIAR WITH MITCHELL'S

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BACKGROUND. SHE DID NOT PRESS SHOL'SKIY FOR DETAILS, BUT CERTAIN SHE ACCURATE ON WHAT HE SAID.

3. TO TEMPSFORD'S KNOWLEDGE, MITCHELL HAS NEVER ATTEMPTED APPROACH CONSULATE, EITHER OFFICIALLY OR UNOFFICIALLY, RE REPATRIATION. SHOL'SKIY RELATED STORY IN CONTEXT OF OWN SITUATION. HE GAVE NO APPEARANCE OF MAKING OVERTURE ON MITCHELL'S BEHALF OR OTHERWISE ATTEMPTING ELICIT OFFICIAL REACTION. IN LIKELY EVENT SHOL'SKIY REAPPEARS AT TEMPSFORD'S APARTMENT, WE WILL ATTEMPT OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

4. DEFER TO HQS WHETHER WE SHOULD BRING ABOVE INFO TO ATTENTION OF CONSUL GENERAL AND ALSO REPORT IN STATE CHANNELS. ADVISE.

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Refer to Bill Camp who has handled Mitchell stuff with attention.

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